

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
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very good. Give me a time on the 15th once your schedule settles somewhat and I'll be there.

I plan to have a team meeting every week, so we can set the 2nd one on your schedule. I'm having the first one in Jim's conference room, figured that would show this is for real without anyone higher up being there. I'll also see if he has time to drop in and say a few words, but the room should convey the message even if he is tied up.

Hope the trip goes well, and will email you if anything significant comes up.

On Sat, May 6, 2017 at 8:33 PM, Magallanes, Downey <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Your general approach sounds good. No need to elevate further.

Only thing I would say in regards to comments is that BENM is the priority right now given the 45 day due date.

You and I should plan to meet Monday the 15th when I am back.

Then you, Kathy, the BLM lead, and I should meet early in the week separately on BENM.

You can wait to share the feedback from the offices ideas and procedures when we meet.

I would also like to sit in on one of your early team meetings at some point. Thanks.

On Sat, May 6, 2017 at 7:43 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I don't think we will need anything until the week after next at the earliest, but if you have time on the trip and when talking to the Secretary, we will need some guidance on what he wants from the comments.

My initial thought was to sort written by general for and against changes (presume will be 99-1 against any changes), general for and against for specific monuments, substantive overall for and against changes (if any), and substantive for and against changes for each monument. I will send thoughts on the [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) comments Monday once I find out how they can be sorted. I believe [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) counts automatically, but will need to know if you want the general written comments counted (or weighed, if it comes to that)?

And, we will need to know within a few weeks how you want the substantive ones handled - short summary, just list them by source - name of group or individual, particularly impressive ones (if any) set aside for Secretary to read or not, etc.

I plan to talk next week with the bureau leads on public comments on regs from FWS, BLM and NPS to see what ideas and procedures they have for dealing with large-volume

responses, and will send any ideas from that - or will hold them until you get back, as you prefer.

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